

RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING  
AND LIFE OF WILBERT "BILL"  
TATUM

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, once in a while someone leaves this Earth and their life's story needs to be told, not just because it's interesting, but because it illustrates lessons that should be passed along. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recall the life Wilbert "Bill" Tatum, longtime publisher of the *Amsterdam News* and my personal friend, who, to the sadness and shock of my community, died suddenly last week. Bill lived the life that people dream of and few attain, and while doing so became a friend, mentor, and "brother" to countless people.

In the early 1970s, Mr. Tatum, along with former State Comptroller H. Carl McCall and former Manhattan borough president Percy Sutton, bought the *Amsterdam News*. This venture into the news industry reflected their longtime involvement in civic activism and passion for their community. Bill maximized his passion as the paper's publisher, a role for which his life prepared him.

Bill's voice goes back to his high school oratory competition days in North Carolina. He was a journalist, writing for three small newspapers that provided information to Black farmers. He served his country in the Marine Corps, graduated from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, and received his master's degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles. In New York, he was a community activist who served as deputy Manhattan Borough President under Percy Sutton's borough presidency and held various city-level posts.

Under Bill's ownership, the *Amsterdam News* was a brash and controversial voice for the Black community, regularly scorching politicians like 1970's Mayor Ed Koch. He was one of the angriest—and most eloquent—of voices on issues of politics, civil rights, and community action. What some perceived as sensational journalism, we in the community knew reflected the honest views of the publisher and his readers. At the same time, he filled the pages with colorful articles on social and community happenings.

Bill was a gentleman who loved people and derived no bigger joy than helping his community. He gave opportunities to scores of budding journalists and was a friend and professional mentor to many. A kind and decent person with a keen sense of humor, Bill was a man for all seasons and fierce defender of the causes he believed in. Despite an illness that confined him to a wheelchair, he and his beloved wife Susan continued their travels around the world. He entrusted his daughter Eli to succeed him as publisher and editor, and she has done an admirable and successful job in filling his shoes.

Wilbert Bill Tatum will be remembered as an honorable man of tough love, who used his brilliant mind and the First Amendment to denounce injustices he saw in his community. His life reminds us that the greatest love we can share with others is the power to speak up and be honest about where we are and where we need to go. I will miss him dearly.

IN HONOR OF JOHN JOSEPH  
"WACKO" HURLEY OF SOUTH  
BOSTON, MA

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of John Joseph "Wacko" Hurley, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his hometown of South Boston, MA, and to commend him for over 50 years of dedicated service to his community.

The son of Margaret and Michael Hurley, immigrants from County Kerry, Ireland, John was born on May 11, 1930 in South Boston and lived on East Fifth St. until 1965 when he moved to East Fourth St. in South Boston where he currently resides.

John attended Nazareth School at O and Third St., and South Boston High School graduating in 1948. Subsequent to his graduation, John enlisted in the United States Navy, serving from 1950–1952 aboard the USS *Noah* (DD-841).

Upon completion of his distinguished service to our country, John worked for the State Veterans Services for 20 years. Following this position, John worked as an office manager for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for 18 years.

Along with providing distinguished service to his country and his state, John is also an active member of his community. A faithful parishioner at St. Brigid's Church in South Boston, John can be found daily at the 7 a.m. early morning mass followed by his walk around Castle Island. John also brought to the United States Supreme Court the case (John J. Hurley v. GLIB) that affirmed the First Amendment right of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council to organize a private parade. He won a victory with a 9–0 vote. This law can now be found in every law book in the country. In fact, John has organized the Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston for the past 50 years.

John was recently awarded the Bishop Cheverus Medal from Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, for Community Service and Catholic Dedication. You will find John every Thanksgiving and Christmas at St. Monica/St. Augustine serving holiday meals to the less fortunate.

Madam Speaker, John is known for his quick sense of humor and great storytelling. He has had the good fortune to be married to Molly for 56 years; they are the proud parents of 7 children, 15 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with John J. "Wacko" Hurley's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his community of South Boston.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community has been faithfully serving the community of Tuscarawas County since 1966; and

Whereas, the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community has participated in "Character Counts! Week," a character building program meant to instill six pillars of character in children, from October 19–25; and

Whereas, the "Character Counts!" program teaches young people about the six pillars of character—trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship—and is an enrichment and community extension of the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community Character Formation Program, now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the participants of the "Character Counts!" program on their commitment to citizenship and respect of themselves and one another. I also commend those involved in the program for their dedication to the youth of our community and preparing them for lives of thoughtfulness, respect, and civic responsibility.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Resource Conservation and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92728

Funding Secured: \$134,000

Description of Request: Funding will be used to expand an existing \$2.2 million program launched in 2004 to distribute an additional 5,500 Smart Irrigation Controllers by the end of 2011 to the highest water using residential and commercial properties in Orange County. This "smart" Irrigation Controller technology assists customers in delivering the appropriate amount of irrigation water to landscape based on soil, slope, type of landscape, and changing water conditions. Smart irrigation controllers will help use exiting water resources and efficiently as possible to help take pressure off of our imported water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. When fully implemented there will be a reoccurring 40,000 acre foot savings of water every year.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services' Law Enforcement Technology Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Brea

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821

Funding Secured: \$50,000

Description of Request: The City will use the funds to develop of a forensics criminal science laboratory for its police department. This will allow the Brea Police Department to meet legal and scientific standards in the proper handling and processing of biological evidence (DNA, blood, semen, saliva, and tissues); to process evidence in a manner that meets safety standards for the evidence technicians; more efficiently and effectively identify and collect latent fingerprint evidence through the use of chemistry and light. The creation of the forensics criminal science laboratory will give the Department the means in which to identify more suspects and solve more crime. It will also reduce the workload on outside companies that Brea Police Department contracts with and the Orange County Sheriff's crime lab. Finally, it will allow the department to control the speed in which evidence is processed and maintained.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hope Through Housing Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100 Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

Funding Secured: \$750,000

Description of Request: Funding will be used to administer an after school program on site at National CORE affordable housing facilities that is designed to help prevent violence and keep at risk youths off the streets. This program includes an array of services essential to assisting at-risk youth gain the resources they will need to succeed in life and school. An afternoon at Hope's After School and Beyond—Violence Prevention includes: team building exercises, self esteem building activities, homework assistance, family literacy and Peace Builders, the nationally acclaimed violence prevention curriculum. These elements will further develop positive and community networks that will support youth in their journey into adulthood, and will support their families in helping them on this journey.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Police Services' Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County District Attorney

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, California 92701

Funding Secured: \$500,000

Description of Request: Funds will provide for three DNA mobile collection vehicles that would travel to the five branch courts in Orange County to collect DNA on site from offenders and volunteers. Funds would also provide for related equipment, supplies and DNA processing. By expanding collection efforts, the District Attorney would be able to collect approximately 50 samples a day. The Orange County District Attorney DNA Expansion Project will strengthen local law enforcement efforts to solve, and ultimately prevent, "volume crimes" such as burglaries, auto thefts, and robberies. Currently, throughout the country, law enforcement DNA laboratories are backlogged and must focus on the most vio-

lent of crimes, such as homicides and rapes. Due to these backlogs, volume crimes are either "not processed" or significantly delayed. It is well documented that those who commit burglaries, also commit other crimes. These crimes include, but are not limited to, rapes, homicides, robberies, gang violence, drug possession and sales, carjacking, auto theft, etc.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of San Bernardino

Address of Requesting Entity: 655 E Third Street, San Bernardino, California

Funding Secured: \$1,925,000

Description of Request: The request is for the purchase of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System for mobile and fixed identification. In 1985, the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino embarked on a joint venture to create a regional identification system designed to be shared by all law enforcement agencies in the 27,360 square mile jurisdiction (with a combined population of over 3,250,000). The system provides fingerprint, photo, and DNA services to all public safety agencies including the local police departments, district attorneys, school districts, coroners, and Sheriffs' Departments in both counties. It is also available to other state and federal law enforcement agencies that utilize these services on a routine basis.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Orange

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N Flower Street, Santa Ana, California

Funding Secured: \$14,000,000

Description of Request: This funding will go to construction, acquisition of property rights, relocations, environmental mitigation and enhancement in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project. The Army Corps of Engineers considers the Santa Ana River as the worst flood threat west of the Mississippi River. The Corps estimated that 3 million people and 110,000 acres would be impacted, with potential loss of 3,000 lives and \$15 billion in economic losses in 1987 price levels. Estimated impacts and loss without the Project being constructed would be much greater with current population growth and value of land and structures. In addition to protecting a large, highly populated and rapidly growing area of Southern California, the Project has and will improve protection of major transportation corridors. The Santa Ana River Mainstem Project including Prado Dam was authorized under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, and Section 309 of WRDA, 1996. The flood control districts of these counties are the Local Sponsors who are responsible for implementing the Project.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of the Interior and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources, Title XVI

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California

Funding Secured: \$558,000

Description of Request: Funds will be used to supply 72,000 acre feet per year of water and will provide the backbone facilities for future ground water replenishment system expansion. The Groundwater Replenishment System (GWR System) is a jointly funded project of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) with OCWD serving as the lead or constructing agency. When complete, the GWR System will be the largest water recycling project of its kind in the world, reusing 140,000 acre feet per year (AFY) of advance treated wastewater (recycled water). Phase I, currently under construction, will supply 72,000 AFY and will provide the backbone facilities for future GWR System expansion. The GWR System will supplement existing water supplies by providing a new, reliable, high-quality source of water to recharge the Orange County Groundwater Basin and protect the Basin from further degradation due to seawater intrusion. By treating excess storm flows along the Santa Ana River, the GWR System project also postpones the need for OCSD to construct a new ocean outfall in Huntington Beach.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Sanitation District

Address of Requesting Entity: Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, California 92708

Funding Secured: \$300,000

Description of Request: The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) is under a Consent Decree mandate to comply with the Clean Water Act through implementation of secondary wastewater treatment standards. The Consent Decree compliance effort requires that OCSD undertake an enormous capital improvement program to construct, rehabilitate, and upgrade the facilities needed to comply with secondary treatment standards. Federal support has been provided to municipalities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and Boston, for similar projects. These funds will go to meet this mandate.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hope Through Housing Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100 Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

Funding Secured: \$330,000

Description of Request: These funds will be used to administer an after school tutoring program on site at National CORE housing facilities. The project will combine intensive age-appropriate academic tutoring with enrichment activity for children in grades K-8. In addition, a family literacy component and community building technical assistance program will strengthen the support services available to children and youth. The program includes tutoring each day where a student attends, they receive 60 minutes of small group academic tutoring in both math and English/language

arts. Each learning center is a literacy-rich environment stocked with age appropriate books, as well as creative writing and reading materials. Students are encouraged to check out books, create journals, and engage in any type of activity that encourages them to read and write.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources & Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Hospital of Orange County at Mission

Address of Requesting Entity: 27700 Medical Center Road, Mission Viejo, California 92691

Funding Secured: \$95,000

Description of Request: Funds will be used to purchase needed equipment to retrofit all patient rooms on the Medical/Surgical unit with sleep sofas to improve the comfort and restfulness of overnight accommodations for parents of children in the Children's Hospital of Orange County at Mission. To facilitate and maximize parental and family involvement in patient care at CHOC at Mission, the hospital maintains open visiting hours and encourages parents to spend as much time as possible with their children, including sleeping overnight with their children, in the hospital. CHOC at Mission provides a family lounge area, two separate parent sleep rooms with bathrooms, and sleep accommodations for parents in each room on the general Medical/Surgical unit.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 South Main Street, Orange, CA 92868

Funding Secured: \$237,500

Description of Request: Funds will be used for the examination of the technical feasibility of options to connect SR-91 Express Lanes with SR-241 and for the preliminary engineering for funding for the SR-91 corridor and the Costa Mesa Freeway (SR-55) Interchange. The SR-91 is the only significant transportation facility connecting Orange County and Riverside County. The facility is currently operating at full capacity during peak hours and is critical for the movement of goods from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to inland destinations. The request is partly for examination of the technical feasibility of options to connect SR-91 Express Lanes with SR-241. A direct connection between high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes on the SR-91 and the SR-241 toll road will provide a new travel option for SR-91 commuters and allow for a more balanced distribution of travel along the highly congested SR-91 corridor. The request is also for the preliminary engineering for funding for the SR-91 corridor and the Costa Mesa Freeway (SR-55) Interchange. Constructing this project will alleviate current and future congestion at the interchange of SR-91 and SR-55.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Address of Requesting Entity: 22112 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, California

Funding Secured: \$95,000

Description of Request: The project will consist of removing failed pavement, installing new pavement in the failed areas, cold milling the pavement, overlaying the entire roadway surface with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix, repairing the sidewalks, installing Concrete Access Ramps, adjusting utility manholes and water valves to grade, and installing new striping and traffic loops along the Antonio Parkway. The Antonio Parkway was constructed in the mid to late 1980s. Since that time, heavy use combined with the natural aging process has caused transverse block cracking, heaving, and shoving on its surface. A new surface course of asphalt rubber hot mix combined with full depth dig-out repairs will extend the life of the pavement another 20 years.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hillview Acres Children's Home

Address of Requesting Entity: 3683 Chino Avenue, Chino, California

Funding Secured: \$95,000

Description of Request: This request is for construction and improvements to Hillview Acres Children's Home facilities. One of the biggest challenges Hillview faces today is their aging physical plant. The campus's relationship impact model was written and implemented in the 1970s. Since that time, Hillview has continued to be progressive in the way they treat and care for injured children. As their success in taking care of abused and neglected children maintains and increases in strength, their facilities have weakened and no longer parallel the quality of their program.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Community Renaissance

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, California

Funding Secured: \$950,000

Description of Request: Funding will be used for the construction of affordable housing communities. With this funding, National Community Renaissance will undertake one or more large-scale neighborhood revitalization projects, develop or acquire and preserve over 10,000 additional apartments in at least 10 more states nationwide, and establish a best-in-class non-profit Web portal, a free information resource that will become the go-to location for updates and information assistance in using affordable housing resources. National Community Renaissance is one of the largest nonprofit affordable housing development corporations in the United States. It manages several business lines that contribute to the development and preservation of high quality affordable housing throughout the country, including development of new affordable housing, preservation of existing affordable housing

at risk of going to market rate, and full service construction management with expertise in multifamily and mixed use development.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SANDY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CARDINALS FOOTBALL TEAM

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the Sandy Valley High School Cardinals football team admirably squared off against the Garaway High School Pirates on the night of Friday, September 12, 2008; and

Whereas, recognizing the game was not going their way, the Sandy Valley Cardinals, under the direction of Coach John Groff, exemplified the finest in sportsmanship and class by allowing the Pirate's team manager, Craig Gordon, a young man with Down Syndrome, to record his first touch of the football during a game; and

Whereas, Cardinals players allowed Gordon to carry the football into the end zone for a touchdown, giving him a memory and a feeling of pride that will last a lifetime, now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the players and coaches of the Sandy Valley High School Cardinals for showing the very highest in class, sportsmanship, and character by allowing Gordon the opportunity to fulfill a dream of scoring a touchdown during a game in his senior year. Coach Groff, his coaching staff, and the Cardinals players have proven to be decent and honorable men who should be proud of their actions on the field that night.

#### TROOPS TO TEACHERS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

#### HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Troops to Teachers Improvement Act to improve opportunities for veterans to transition into second careers in teaching. I am pleased to once again be joined in this effort by Congresswoman DORIS MATSUI. I have been a supporter of the Troops to Teachers program since its authorization, and I am proud of its success over the last decade. Since 1994, this program has placed nearly 10,000 veterans in our nation's classrooms.

Troops to Teachers is a unique program that provides retiring military with a \$5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of teaching certification in exchange for three years service in a high-need school, which until recently was defined as receiving grants under part A of Title I. To further encourage participants to teach in schools with the greatest need, a \$10,000 bonus is offered to those who agree to teach for three years in a school with 50 percent of students below the poverty level.

This structure has proven very effective in transitioning qualified retiring military personnel into second careers in teaching. Indeed, Troops participants fill several critical